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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 04 August 2010 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The amendment filed under 37 CFR 1.312 has not been entered since in order for the protective cap in claim 20 to have proper antecedent basis, claim 13 must depend from claim 9, not claim 1, since claim 9 positively recites the protective cap, whereas claim 1 does not. The proper chain of dependency of claim 20 in order for the protective cap recited in claim 20 to have proper antecedent basis is from claim 20 to claim 15, then from claim 15 to claim 13, and finally from claim 13 to claim 9, which first positively recites the protective cap.

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